

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**  
(Docket No. 08-537-US4)

<b>In the Application of:</b>	)	
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David A. Brown	)	<b>Examiner:</b> Kristie D Shingles
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<b>Serial No.:</b> 09/886,659	)	<b>Art Unit:</b> 2141
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<b>Filed:</b> June 21, 2001	)	<b>Confirmation No.:</b> 4746
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<b>Title:</b> Method and Apparatus for Logically	)	
Expanding the Length of a Search Key	)	

Mail Stop Amendment  
Commissioner for Patents  
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**RESPONSE TO THE NON-FINAL OFFICE ACTION MAILED JANUARY 06, 2009**

Dear Sir:

In response to the Non-Final Office Action mailed on January 06, 2009, please consider the following **AMENDMENTS** and **REMARKS**.

**AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS** begin on page 2 of this response.

**REMARKS** begin on page 7 of this response.